



Four Revs a Minute on Tour de Foyle

Leaders of the four main churches in the North West got ‘on their bikes’ at Ebrington for the formal launch of the 2015 Tour de Foyle charity cycle.

Proceeds from the event, on August 29, will go towards the North West Methodist homeless service and the Churches Trust’s Pantry Project.

Participants will cycle a 50-mile route from the Foyle Arena in Londonderry, along the coast to Magilligan, across Lough Foyle on the Magilligan Ferry to Greencastle, through Moville and back to the city.

The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Ken Good, said he was delighted to lend his support to such a worthwhile initiative. “The Tour de Foyle allows us, in the various churches, to work together for the good of the whole community. In this instance, we are being invited to help some of the more vulnerable members of our society, and the charity cycle is a truly Christian response to people in need.”

The cycle route is flat for the most part and can be followed at a leisurely pace. Bishop Good said the Tour de Foyle event was consistent with the Diocesan themes of ‘Mission, children and generosity’, and he encouraged anyone who was fit enough to consider taking part. “This year’s beneficiaries are extremely worthy charities that deserve our wholehearted support. They provide critical help to fellow citizens at moments of crisis in their lives. I would encourage people to support these charities either by taking part in the Tour de Foyle cycle event themselves, or by donating to others who are taking part.”

The Tour de Foyle will take place on Saturday, August 29, with registration from 7.30 a.m. onwards.

Church buoyed by 25,000 at pro-life rally

Catholic leaders have praised the large turnout at the weekend Rally for Life, saying that it should give the Government and civic leaders reason to pause before any attempt to relax Irish abortion laws.

Irish Independent - Archbishop Eamon Martin said there is a need to recognise the "huge gesture of solidarity by the people of Ireland with human life at all stages".

The primate of All Ireland told the Irish Independent that people want "to preserve the beauty and sanctity of human life, particularly the most vulnerable of human lives".

As many as 25,000 pro-life campaigners marched through the centre of Dublin on Saturday. At one stage, there was a face-off with a few hundred pro-choice supporters assembled on O'Connell Street but gardaí ensured that it

didn't escalate beyond verbal abuse being hurled between the two camps.

In a homily ahead of the rally, Archbishop of Dublin Diarmuid Martin reminded over 1,000 people gathered in St Saviour's Church in Dorset Street that Pope Francis had characterised abortion as a product of the 'throwaway culture' and a mentality which "calls for the elimination of human beings, above all if they are physically or socially weaker".

Row over cross in Limerick Council chamber

An unholy row has broken out in the chambers of Limerick County Council after the outgoing Fianna Fáil Mayor of Limerick, Cllr Kevin Sheehan, had a cross erected in the council chamber.

Mayor Sheehan stepped down as mayor last week but the day prior to his departure he had a cross made from bog oak erected in the council chamber.

Some councillors are unhappy with a religious symbol displayed prominently in the council chamber.



Cllr Kevin Sheahan

Fine Gael Councillor, David Butler, complained that it was “not the most inclusive decision to make”.

He added, “I share the same faith so it would not offend me personally. But we should always try to be inclusive in everything we do.”

Cllr Butler added, “By showing preference to one faith over another, it goes against that principle. Faith is particularly divisive, so when you start choosing particular faiths over others, you are going to create problems.”

However, Cllr Kevin Sheahan did receive some support from some of his colleagues.

Cllr Emmet O'Brien said, "the cross is a masterpiece of local craftsmanship. It is very rarely that I would agree with Cllr Sheahan, but on this occasion, I commend him on having the foresight to erect this cross."

He added, "There are numerous secular countries throughout Europe which still have crucifixes and crosses in public places. A cross is not an affront to any other religion. It is a sign of peace, tranquility and a sign of harmony between religions."

While Councillor Sheahan has made no comment publicly on the issue, he did announce his intention at the start of his mayoral term to erect a cross in the council chamber.

"I am a baptised Catholic. I wouldn't be the strongest Catholic in my community — the very opposite, actually. I am a sinner and I am not a regular churchgoer. I have my beliefs and I have visited Jerusalem twice and that, more than anything in my life, made a huge impression on me," he said when elected Mayor.

"It is my own private religion if you like. I have great devotion to the Cross. It is my intention to present the cross to the new 40-member council to be placed in

county hall where our full meetings will be held, as soon as the chamber has been refurbished.”

“This Christian symbol in a Christian country will be erected there, that’s my intention. But if the councillors vote not to have it put up, then I won’t do it.”

He added, “But I would hope to have the support of the majority of the councillors.”

It is also believed that the cross was paid for personally by Cllr Sheahan.

The controversy over a cross being erected in council chambers is not new.

Last Year, Kerry County Council voted to erect a cross at its meeting chambers in Tralee.

Summer edition of Dublin’s Church Review

The summer edition of the Church Review, the diocesan magazine of Dublin and Glendalough, is now available.

The front cover features the Archbishop of Armagh and the Archbishop of Dublin leaving St John the Baptist Church in Drumcondra following a service celebrating the reopening of the newly refurbished and extended Drumcondra National School.



In his regular column, Canon Patrick Comerford writes of a recent trip to Cappadocia in Turkey. There is also a report on the Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland's talk, which was given by Lisa Sharon Harper of Sojourners, and the annual service which followed in Christ Church Cathedral.

There is a feature from the 'Thinking Allowed' event which took place in All Hallows College during Ecumenical Bible Week 2015 and a report from Christian Aid's Gender Justice workshop.

The service in Christ Church Cathedral to commemorate the life and ministry of Fr John

Sullivan SJ is covered in words and photographs as is the launch of the Magna Carta 800 exhibition in the cathedral's crypt.

St Patrick's Cathedral's celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the Guinness refurbishment features as does the service marking the end of the first year of Temple Carrig School in Greystones.

As always there are notes from Christ Church and St Patrick's cathedrals and notes from parishes throughout the United Dioceses to keep you up to date with what is going on locally.

Killarney Concerts

Music for this summer season at St. Mary's Killarney will be well up to the usual high standard, with a mix of Irish and international performers.

You will be well rewarded for making a trip to the Kingdom and putting Killarney on your itinerary. Apart from the lively buzz of the town and the beauty of the surrounding lakeland you will get a chance to hear music to enrich the soul and bring rest to the mind.

So why not come along? Check the list below and save the date of any of the events that take your fancy for that precious time away from it all.

Tue, 7th July 2015
GW Concordia Youth Chorale

Fri, 10th July 2015
Encore First Unitarian Church Portland Choir

Thu, 16th July 2015
Mission Valley Chorus

Fri, 17th July 2015
Orange Community Master Chorale and
Saddleback Chorale

Sat, 18th July 2015
Spraoi Chiarrai

Mon, 20th July 2015
First Norman Church Choir

Wed, 22nd July 2015
Mount Hollyoak

Mon, 27th July 2015
Robin Jackson American Choir

Sat, 1st August 2015

Spraoui Chiarrai

Mon, 3rd August 2015

Kammer Philharmonic Ensemble

Sat, 8th August 2015

GW Metro Chorale

Sat, 22nd August 2015

Spraoui Chiarrai

Pope comes 'home' to South America

Laughing as his cap flew off in the Andean highland wind, Pope Francis flew into Ecuador on Sunday to start a "homecoming" tour of South America, where he will champion the rights of the poor and the planet.

His visit to Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay - three of the region's poorest and smallest countries - is Francis' first abroad since his landmark encyclical urging an end to man's degradation of the global environment.

"I thank God for having allowed me to return to Latin America and to be here with you today in this beautiful land of Ecuador," the Argentine-

born pontiff said in a speech on the runway after his 13-hour flight from Rome.

When he emerged from the plane, a breeze whipped off his white zucchetto cap and swirled his robes, but the affable 78-year-old took it in his stride, smiling and laughing as he walked down steps to an embrace from President Rafael Correa.

He was then greeted by a group of people dressed in indigenous clothing, including a white blouse with sharp red and orange colors and a large red skirt. One, 16-year-old Elizabeth Maldonado, said afterward that she had never dreamed she would hug the pope.

"It was something so beautiful, marvellous, a positive energy, a huge blessing for us," she said. Tens of thousands lined the streets as Francis' motorcade drove into Quito, some pushing through a police line. Well-wishers threw gifts at the popemobile, including two live white doves.

Francis stopped briefly to kiss the head of an elderly lady and a man who carried a baby in his arms.

The pope visited Brazil for a youth festival in 2013 but that was to substitute for predecessor

Benedict after his sudden resignation. Because he chose the three nations himself, Vatican aides say this is the real "homecoming" to his native continent.

His first host, Ecuador, has for weeks been hit by anti-government demonstrations, with thousands on the streets to protest against tax changes and alleged state authoritarianism.

Protest leaders have called a moratorium during the pope's visit out of respect for him, and in his arrival speech Francis stressed the need for dialogue and respecting differences.

Celebrated by supporters as a champion of the poor but cast by critics as an autocrat, leftist leader Correa was elected in 2006 vowing to spread wealth more fairly and protect the country's natural riches.

"Ecuador is the eco-center of the world," Correa said in a welcome speech, noting the extraordinary biodiversity of his nation, which is thought to be home to more than one million species, or more than one-tenth of the world's total.

Quito, a highland capital mixing colonial cobbled streets with modern high-rises, was plastered with posters and billboards welcoming Francis.

A million extra people are expected in Quito and the coastal city of Guayaquil for masses.

"He's a person who transmits love and peace for all humanity," said Andrea Ramirez, 25, a nun who took an eight-hour bus from Loja in the country's south to Quito.

Christians fleeing ISIS must get priority asylum in Europe - bishops

Christians fleeing Islamic State and other terror groups must be given priority for asylum in Europe, according to the Bishop of Coventry.

Church leaders are calling for the UK to take in more refugees from the terror jihadists in the Middle East as Lord Alton of Liverpool warned that as many as half of 12 million Christians in the Middle East could be gone or killed by 2020.

The Right Rev Christopher Cocksworth, Bishop Angaelos, General Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Church Britain and many other Church of England and other Christian leaders want the UK to open its doors wider to those fleeing Islamic State.

The many atrocities include the execution of 21 Coptic Christians in Libya this year by Islamic

State, the murder of 147 Christian students at Garissa university in Kenya and the burning alive of a Christian couple in a brick kiln by a mob in Pakistan.

Bishop Cocksworth told the Sunday Express: "Christians made up a quarter of the Middle East's population 100 years ago, now they are less than five per cent. This is where the EU needs to act. There needs to be some sort of calibration that places these Christians at the top of the list.

"The most necessary thing is to prioritise the most vulnerable. If Christians are the most vulnerable - and there is no doubt about it that in many cases they are - then there is a case for it.

"This is a severe humanitarian crisis that puts Christians on the front line, and it is irresponsible to ignore religious affiliation.

"There is a need for the Foreign Office and all departments including Dfid to recalibrate resources for this crisis in which religion is seen as persecution used as a weapon of war."

Anglican cathedral in Zanzibar to house anti-human trafficking centre

The Anglican Diocese of Zanzibar (ADZ) is moving forward with renovations of Christ Church Cathedral to create a centre to raise awareness about the history of slavery in Zanzibar and current human trafficking realities in East Africa and worldwide.

The ADZ, which belongs to the Anglican Church of Tanzania, embarked on the project on 1 October 2013 in partnership with World Monuments Fund Britain and announced in its July 2015 newsletter that efforts to raise its portion of grant funding had been successful.

Work on the exterior has been completed and restoration now is in progress of the cathedral's interior, in particular on the creation of a planned Heritage and Education Centre.

The heritage centre will retell the story of the East African slave trade in a form accessible to school children, in both English and Kiswahili.

An anti-human trafficking focus will feature centrally in the project. The centre intends to



educate about modern-day realities, including the fact that there are now more slaves on the planet than at any previous time in history, with trafficking of women figuring as the world's second largest industry, and that Zanzibar once again is serving as a trafficking point, especially of children.

The ADZ hopes to raise public awareness of human trafficking today both in East Africa and across the globe, and suggest concrete action that visitors can take to join in combating the crisis.

The centre also aims to promote interfaith and inter-communal dialogue and understanding.

The centre and its exhibits will be accessible for people living with disabilities, including tours in Sign Language.

Media digest

Almost 70pc support for gay marriage in NI - Belfast Newsletter

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/regional/almost-70pc-support-for-gay-marriage-in-ni-1-6834729>

Bernie Smyth: 'Ian Paisley told me he would march with the Pope to stop abortions' - Belfast Telegraph

[Bernie Smyth: 'Ian Paisley told me he would march with the Pope to stop abortions' - BelfastTelegraph.co.uk](http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/bernie-smyth-ian-paisley-told-me-he-would-march-with-the-pope-to-stop-abortions-1.2222222)

Bishop calls on Ireland to take more migrants - Irish Independent

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/bishop-calls-on-ireland-to-take-more-migrants-31351234.html>

Paisley must have skipped Luke when reading the Bible - The Irish News

<http://www.irishnews.com/opinion/letterstotheeditor/2015/07/02/news/paisley-must-have-skipped-luke-when-reading-the-bible-156036/>

Sex scandal now involves gardai who did not do more - [Independent.ie](http://www.independent.ie)

<http://www.independent.ie/opinion/columnists/column-kenny/sex-scandal-now-involves-gardai-who-did-not-do-more-31335117.html>

Climate change will see parts of cities under water - Robinson

http://www.irishtimes.com/news/environment/climate-change-will-see-parts-of-cities-under-water-robinson-1.2272408#utm_sguid=155958,b60b712b-948f-0e94-e477-b924a4523a2b

Italian cop who became key figure in Irish-America - The Irish News

<http://www.irishnews.com/notices/livesremembered/2015/06/27/news/italian-cop-who-became-key-figure-in-irish-america-151777/>

Burren priest was champion of poor and disadvantaged - The Irish News

<http://www.irishnews.com/notices/livesremembered/2015/07/04/news/burren-priest-was-champion-of-poor-and-disadvantaged-159787/>

Principal and abbess was woman ahead of her time - The Irish News

<http://www.irishnews.com/notices/livesremembered/2015/06/27/news/principal-and-abbess-was-woman-ahead-of-her-time-151757/>

**Ind/Mirror/BBC/Guard/Mail/Times/Tel/Star/
Eve Standard/Metro/Huff Post**

Reports that hundreds of well-wishers gathered outside the Church of St Mary Magdalene in Norfolk to greet the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, and their children for the christening of Princess Charlotte. They state nine-week old Charlotte was christened at a ceremony delivered by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. Also includes articles on being godparents and a *Times* leader on baptism.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/people/news/princess-charlottes-christening-royal-family-gather-for-service-in-sandringham-by-archbishop-of-canterbury-justin-welby-10367633.html>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/watch-princess-charlottes-christening-right-6006194>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-33399642>

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/gallery/2015/jul/06/royal-christening-crowds-gather-for-princess-charlottes-ceremony-in-pictures#img-12>

[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3150423/From-church-godparents-Princess-Charlotte-s-christening-perfect-Diana-planned-step-says-RICHARD-KAY.html?](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3150423/From-church-godparents-Princess-Charlotte-s-christening-perfect-Diana-planned-step-says-RICHARD-KAY.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490)

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<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/royalfamily/article4488975.ece>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/princess-charlotte/11719838/Princess-Charlotte-christening-Georges-look-of-love-on-his-sisters-big-day.html>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/leaders/article4488729.ece>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/princess-charlotte/11719663/Solid-non-royal-godparents-should-serve-Princess-Charlotte-well.html>

<http://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/latest-news/451975/princess-charlotte-christening-godparents-kate-wills-william-duke-duchess-cambridge>

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2015/07/05/princess-charlottes-christening-celebrated-by-william-and-kate-_n_7730930.html?utm_hp_ref=uk&ir=UK

<http://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/duke-and-duchess-of-cambridge-arrive-with-prince-george-for-princess-charlottes-christening-in-first-public-outing-as-a-family-10367331.html>

<http://metro.co.uk/2015/07/05/princess-charlottes-christening-cambridge-family-pictured-together-for-first-time-5281459/>

BBC

Report that a Westminster Abbey service is being staged to remember thousands of Muslim men and boys from Srebrenica killed by Bosnian

Serb forces 20 years ago. Around 100 events are being organised across the UK over coming days in memory of the genocide in 1995. Prime Minister David Cameron has led tributes ahead of the Westminster Abbey service, saying people "must never, ever forget what happened". The massacre was the worst in Europe since World War Two.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-33404175>

BBC

Report that BBC journalist Sue Lloyd-Roberts received news that a potential donor had been found to treat her aggressive leukaemia after she lit a candle in Westminster Abbey. She explains how her Roman Catholic and Buddhist friends have been lighting candles and incense and says she "had sort of forgotten the denomination in to which I was baptised, the C of E. Desperate enough to try anything I touched the tomb of Edward the Confessor and lit a candle in the Abbey and 'ping' went my phone - a message from the hospital that I had a donor. So, there's proof - Henry VIII and Archbishop Cranmer are vindicated. The Anglicans have it!"

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-33402358>

Mail

Report that engraved crosses now mark the paving stones leading to the entrance of Christ

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Church in Linthwaite, West Yorkshire, as a security measure to make them less attractive to thieves, after 19 paving stones were stolen. The Rev Ann Broxham is quoted saying the church has also installed security lights. It states homeowners might want to consider the source of the paving stones used in new farmhouse-style kitchens, patios and courtyards as they could be admiring stolen goods.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3150483/Was-kitchen-floor-stolen-church-Steep-rise-theft-ancient-slabs-churchyards-paths-walls-fuelled-homeowners-desire-lived-stone.html#ixzz3f5DrFMvm>

Times/Ind/Tel

Reviews of the BBC's *A Song for Jenny* drama based on the book by Julie Nicholson, a former vicar, whose daughter Jenny was killed in the London bombings. They state the programme marked the tenth anniversary of the 7/7 bombings this week, when 24-year-old Jenny Nicholson was one of 52 people who lost their lives.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/arts/tv-radio/reviews/article4488014.ece>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/tv/reviews/a-song-for-jenny-bbc1--review-tv-rarely-offers-such->

heartbreaking-insight-into-human-emotion-10367161.html

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/tvandradio/tv-and-radio-reviews/11716435/A-Song-for-Jenny-BBC-One-review-deeply-moving.html>

BBC

Report that MPs are to debate whether abortion law should be devolved to the Scottish Parliament. The change is one of several being proposed to the legislation which will transfer additional powers to Holyrood. It will be discussed on the fourth and final day of line by line scrutiny of the Scotland Bill in the Commons.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-33403485>

Ind

Columnist writes about how charities and NGOs are needed now more than ever, but they are under threat from the government. Yasmin Alibhai Brown writes that the Tories have a systematic plan to disable the influence of NGOs that don't fall in line and that launch controversial or challenging campaigns.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/charities-and-ngos-are-needed-now-more-than->

ever--but-they-are-under-threat-from-this-government-10367486.html**Mail/Tel/**

BBC

Reflections on the national minute of silence observed for the victims of the terrorist attack in Tunisia. The Queen led the remembrance at midday. The Prime Minister David Cameron joined the silence for the 38 victims including 30 Britons. Play was delayed at Wimbledon so that spectators, players and officials could join the tribute..

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3148296/The-Queen-David-Cameron-lead-Tunisian-massacre-minute-s-silence-British-victims.html>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/africaandindianocean/tunisia/11703698/Tunisia-attack-Everything-we-know-so-far-about-the-British-victims.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-33376399>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-33376392>

BBC/ITV/York Post

Reports that the Revd Canon Alison White was consecrated as the Bishop of Hull yesterday at a service at York Minster, led by the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu. She and her husband,

Bishop Frank White, are the UK's first husband and wife bishop partnership.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-humber-33376789>

<http://www.itv.com/news/calendar/update/2015-07-03/delight-of-new-bishop-of-hull/>

BBC/Tel/Ldn Even Stand/Mail/ITV

A variety of reports ahead of the christening of Princess Charlotte by the Archbishop of Canterbury tomorrow. BBC focuses on the baptism water which will be from the River Jordan noting this was where Jesus was baptised. The christening will take place at the church of St Mary Magdalene, Sandringham.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-33382957>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/princess-charlotte/11716527/Princess-Charlotte-christening-exclusive-Prince-Harry-to-miss-out-for-second-time-as-a-godparent.html>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/kate-middleton/11578874/Royal-Baby-After-baby-number-two-will-Kate-have-a-third-child.html>

<http://www.standard.co.uk/shopping/esbest/the-best-christening-gifts-fit-for-princess-charlotte-10362186.html>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-3148938/Triumph-grandpa-Charles-Just-weeks-ago-lamenting-never-saw-grandson-eve-Charlotte-s-christening-s-joyous->

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<http://www.itv.com/goodmorningbritain/news/looking-ahead-to-princess-charlottes-christening>

Ind

Reports that a letter signed by 70 leading catholics calls on Iain Duncan Smith to reverse his welfare reform policies aimed at disabled and vulnerable people. Figures including author and screenwriter Frank Cottrell-Boyce; leading academic historian Sir Tom Devine OBE and author David Lodge signed a letter calling for a dialogue about controversial welfare changes. The letter suggests that Mr Duncan Smith's policies were having the opposite if their intended effect.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/leading-catholics-tell-iain-duncan-smith-to-change-course-on-welfare-reform-10364714.html>

Exp/Mirror

Continuing reports of the repatriation of the bodies of those killed in the terrorist attack in Tunisia to Britain and of the first funeral to be held in Ireland.

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/588697/Tunisia-terror-attack-families-bury-victims-bodies-returnUK>.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/daughter-tunisian-beach-massacre-victims-5995985>

Guard

Reports that the leadership of the Episcopal church in America has voted to withdraw from fossil fuel holdings as a means of fighting climate change. The divestment decision by the major US Protestant denomination is seen as underscoring that climate change is increasingly seen by religious groups as a moral issue. The measure, adopted by the governing body at a meeting in Salt Lake City, commits the church to quit fossil fuels and re-invest in clean energy.

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jul/03/episcopal-church-fossil-fuel-divestment>

Tel/Guard

Reports that in the wake of the Charlie Hebdo attack in France, Iceland's parliament has decriminalised blasphemy. Article 125 in Iceland's penal law, which has now been abolished, had stipulated that anyone "who publicly mocks or dishonours the doctrine or

worship of a legal religious group, in this country, shall be fined or jailed up to three months.”

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/iceland/11717761/Iceland-makes-blasphemy-legal.html>

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jul/03/iceland-repeals-blasphemy-law-pirate-party-campaign>

Mail

Reports that Pope Francis said that the Roman Catholic Church should not have "leaders for life" in its ranks, otherwise it would risk being like a country under dictatorship. The Pope has already said that he would be ready to resign instead of ruling for life if he felt he could not continue running the 1.2 billion-member Church for health or other reasons. The comments came when the Pontiff addressed some 30,000 people at an inter-denominational rally of Christians in St. Peter's Square, Rome.

[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-3148942/Catholic-Church-not-leaders-life--Pope-says.html?](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-3148942/Catholic-Church-not-leaders-life--Pope-says.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490)

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Times

The former chaplain of the England cricket team Canon Andrew Wingfield Digby is praying that

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the England players can retain their sanity and good humour, as well as regain the Ashes. Chaplain to the side between 1991 - 2001, Canon Winfield Digby thinks that it is a retrograde step that no clergyman has supported the England players since then, especially as such pastoral support could have been a vital outlet for players who in recent years have suffered from stress and depression during long overseas tours away from their families.
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article4487639.ece>

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